

Determination to Change Mount Rainier National Park Regulations

Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the Superintendent makes the following changes to Mount Rainier National Park Regulations.

1. Regulation change:

Effective July 25, 2017 and until further notice, the area of the park between the lower Muir Snowfield and the Nisqually Glacier known as the Pebble Creek Gully through which flows Pebble Creek and contains two waterfalls, along with the snowfield currently covering the gully and the immediate surrounding area are closed to all public entry (see attached map for specific location).

2. Previous regulation(s) affected by this change:

This is an emergency regulation change adopted for the Pebble Creek Gully area within Mount Rainier National Park. The previous regulations allowed public entry into this area.

3. Date of Adoption: July 26, 2017**4. Reasons for change:**

This emergency closure is designed to protect the public due to the extremely unstable snow conditions in the area at the present time and the hazards also represented by the rapidly flowing cold water of the creek beneath the unstable snow bank.

5. Effective Date(s): Until further notice.**6. Authority for adoption:** Code of Federal Regulations, 36 CFR, Part 1.5

Superintendent, Mount Rainier National Park



Date:

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